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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter.

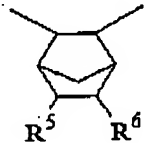
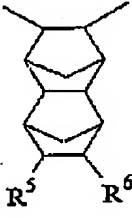
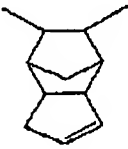
As a result, claims 1-22 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

With respect to Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Office Action rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §102(e) as being anticipated by Valenti (US 5,612,396), Courage (US 6,503,319), or Albrecht (US 6,573,316). Of the rejected claims, only claim 1 is independent.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim. (MPEP §2131)

Contrary to the Office Action statement that all elements and limitations are disclosed in Valenti, Courage, or Albrecht, the monomer Y selected from the group

consisting of , , and  in the amended claim 1 is not

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disclosed by any of the art cited. Hence, the rejection is not supported by the cited art of record and must be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark Konieczny (Reg. No. 47,715) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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